बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के छात्र संघ को पुनःगठित किये जाने के लिए अभ्यावेदन

882. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को बनारस हिंदू विश्वविद्यालय में छात्र संघ का पुनर्गठन किए जाने के लिए कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है और क्या उक्त अभ्यावेदन में यह मांग की गयी है कि विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति डा० आर० पी० रस्तोगी के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही की जाए ; और

(ख) यदि हां; तो सरकार द्वारा उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री, साथ में मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (प्रो० एम० जी० के० मेनन) :(क) और (ख) सरकार को कई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं जिसमें अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ यह भी अनुरोध किया गया है कि बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के छात्र संघ को पुनर्गठित किया जाए और डा० आर० पी० रस्तोगी, कुलपति बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई की जाए। विश्वविद्यालय से प्राप्त टिप्पणियों और सरकार के अपने मूल्यांकन के आधार पर बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई करने का कोई मामला नहीं है। बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार, छात्र संघ पुनर्गठन से संबंधित मामला कोर्ट में निर्णयाधीन है।

International Literacy Year

883. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that current year is being celebrated as the International Literacy Year; if so, date from which it was launched;

(b) what are the details of programmes drawn up to celebrate the said occasion in the country those launched for reducing illiteracy;

(c) whether the said programmes are likely to make the country's population fully literate in the time to come;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what would be the expected percentage of literacy by the end of the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) United Nations has declared 1990 as the International Literacy Year (ILY). The Prime Minister launched ILY in India on 22nd January, 1990.

(b) Universalisation of elementary education, programme of non-formal education in 10 educationally backward States, and the National Literacy Mission aimed at providing functional literacy to 8,000 million illiterate persons in the age-group 15-35 are integral parts of a larger programme to reduce illiteracy in the country.

All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been advised to draw up a calendar of activities to be organised as part of observance of ILY. These activities are expected to generate public awareness about the implications of illiteracy as well as means for combating it, and to mobilise involvement of all sections of society in programmes aimed at removal of

illiteracy. Some of the activities organised or proposed to be organised, in respect of ILY include:—

(i) Presentation of a tableau on ILY in the Republic Day Parade;

(ii) Printing of calendar on the theme of ILY;

(iii) Environment building on a masive scale through mass media, folk and traditional media, and other means;

(iv) Launching of mass campaigns for complete eradication of illiteracy in the States of Goa and Kerala and Union Territory of Pondicherry, and several selected districts, blocks, villages, etc. in other States/UTs;

(v) A large involvement of students, educational institutions, non-student youth, voluntary organisations, ex-servicemen, etc. in literacy activities;

(vi) Release of postal stamp;

(vii) Organising the Bharat Gyan Vigyan Jatha to cover 70000 villages;

(viii) Holding of exhibitions, conferences and seminars, poster competitions, photo competition on various themes of literacy;

(ix) Arranging competitions on books for neo-literates;

(x) Publication of success stories in newspapers, bulletins, periodicals, magazines, etc.;

(xi) Printing of ILY logo on things of common use for wide publicity of ILY;

(xii) *Televising films on literacy.*

(c) and (d) Besides promoting new initiatives these activities are expected to accelerate the efforts already underway to eradicate illiteracy in the country.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The literacy data is collected through the decennial census operations. As the next census will be held in 1991, it would not be possible to know the expected percentage of literacy by the end of the current year.

Negotiations with French Prime Minister for procurement of arms

884. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister of France was the first foreign dignitary to visit India after the change of Government in New Delhi; if so, whether any negotiations for procurement of arms were held, giving the details thereof;

(b) whether his talks with Government of India covered mainly defence subjects, including the feasibility of procuring 'Sofma' 155 mm guns by India; and

(c) if so, to what extent the procurement of French arms would be good for the security of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister of France was the first Head of Government to pay an official visit to India after the recent change of Government in India. His talks with the Government did not relate mainly to defence subjects, though some aspects of Indo-French Defence Cooperation were discussed in passing. No negotiations for the purchase of arms or discussions about feasibility of procuring the 'Sofma' 155 mm guns were held during these talks.